# Global Conference on Cities and Migrants

“From Habitat III to the Global Compact on Migration: a role for local authorities”

Mechelen, Belgium, 16-17 November

## Programme (as of 14 July)

### First Day – Thursday 16 November

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<td><strong>Guided discussion: Implementation of migration-related commitments of the New Urban Agenda</strong>&lt;br&gt;Moderated by UN-Habitat and UCLG&lt;br&gt;Taking stock and key lessons learned&lt;br&gt;Key gaps the GCM could address</td>
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Moderated by IOM and UCLG |
| 10:30 – 12:00 | **Human rights of migrants**  
Mod. by UCLG and practitioner  
**Drivers of migration**  
Mod. by UN-Habitat and practitioner  
**International cooperation and global governance**  
Mod.ated by the IOM and practitioner |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | **Summary plenary**  
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| 15:00 – 16:00 | **Closing plenary**  
**Presentation of the Declaration of the Conference**  
Bart Sommers, Mayor of Mechelen  
**Best practices on cooperation for migration governance and local and national levels**  
William Lacy Swing, IOM Director General  
**Inputs to the follow up and implementation of the New Urban Agenda**  
Joan Clos, UN-Habitat Executive Director |
| 16:00 – 16:30 | **Closing remarks**  
Parks Tau, UCLG President  
Representative of the Federal Government of Belgium |